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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2001, be extended for a period of one (1) month from October 17, 2001 to and including Monday, November 19, 2001, the first business day after Saturday, November 17, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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